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WORKSHOPS ARE THE HEART & SOUL OF CONFERENCES!

*Here's your opportunity to contribute to the
State Youth Conference
through doing a workshop or making a
presentation in a creative way.*

STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

28th October to 2nd November 1990

"MAKING CONNECTIONS: PEOPLE, POLICY & PRACTICE"

Doing a Workshop is a chance for you to get on your soapbox,
share your ideas experience, focus a group's attention on your concerns
share your skills, learn from the group.....
and of course we will support you in any way we can

Grab this unique opportunity

NOW!!!

STATE YOUTH AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

YEPPON 28 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER 1990

MAKING CONNECTIONS : PEOPLE, POLICY & PRACTICE

LAST CALL FOR WORKSHOPS & PAPERS

The State Youth Affairs Conference is being held at Yeppoon on 28 October - 2 November, 1990.

Anyone interested in the area of youth affairs is welcome! Participants in the conference are drawn from a wide range of fields within the youth sector including:

- . *Housing*
- . *Employment*
- . *Justice*
- . *Health*
- . *Community Development*
- . *Education*
- . *Young Women's Issues*
- . *Domestic Violence*
- . *Government Departments*
- . *Non-Government Organisations*
- . *Community Agencies*
- . *Local Government*
- . *Aboriginal/Islander Youth Sector*
- . *Ethnic Youth Sector*
- . *Skillshare*
- . *Training & Development*
- . *Tertiary Institutions*

The Conference theme, "MAKING CONNECTIONS : PEOPLE, POLICY & PRACTICE" aims to encourage networking amongst workers in the youth sector on a personal basis, a regional basis and a State wide basis. It also aims to develop links between the issues facing the people who work in the sector, the young people we work with, policy decisions and directions and the practices we use.

In other words, the Conference will examine the WHO, the WHY and the WHAT of the Queensland Youth Sector.

The Conference aims to actively involve participants.

- . *encourage innovative workshop presentations that facilitate learning, understandings and fun*
- . *present a wide range of workshops covering diverse issues*
- . *encourage workshops and presentations in a variety of formats that will meet the wide range of learning styles within the group*
- . *formulate recommendations throughout the week's program that will provide direction for both Government and non-Government development of youth affairs*

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR WORKSHOP/PAPER/PRESENTATION OUTLINE

By 31st JULY TO:

Conference Program Group
c/- YANQ
P O BOX 362
WOODRIDGE Q 4114 FAX: 808-7613

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MAKING CONNECTIONS : PEOPLE, POLICY & PRACTICE

PRESENTATION OF WORKSHOPS

Workshops will generally be 1½ hours in length.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ POST CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

AREA OF EMPLOYMENT/INTEREST: _____

PRESENTATION FORMAT (eg, workshop, paper, interest group, experiential, research study, case study, discussion, drama, debate, hypothetical etc)

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: _____

OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION (25 words: for inclusion in Conference program):

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PRESENTER (25 words: for inclusion in Conference program):

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (eg OHP, Video, Whiteboard etc): _____

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS FOR WORKSHOPS: _____

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: _____

BAYS

In December 1989 the Beenleigh and Districts Interagency received funding under SAAP to set up a Youth Accommodation Project in the North Albert region. The service is now operating under the name Beenleigh Area Youth Service (**BAYS**) and consists of a community Placement Program and an unsupervised Youth Housing Program. Linda Ford and Tim Wilson have been employed to establish the respective programs.

The North Albert area is growing at a phenomenal rate. The annual population growth rate is around 13%, compared with 2.3% for Queensland. Many of the area's families are on low incomes, with 35.4% of families receiving less than \$15,000 per annum. The Eagleby region has the highest unemployment rate within the Brisbane Statistical Division. Finally, 50.3% of the population are under 25 years of age. It is an area where great need is being addressed by relatively few services.

The youth service hopes to be established and operating by mid-April, to begin addressing the needs of the area's young people. If you would like any more information, contact Linda or Tim on (07) 287 5511.



Getting By In Brisbane

Is now available for orders.

This booklet is pocket size

and contains 122 pages of

information for young people.

The cost will be \$2.50 plus 50c

postage. Order Form

on page 15 of newsletter.

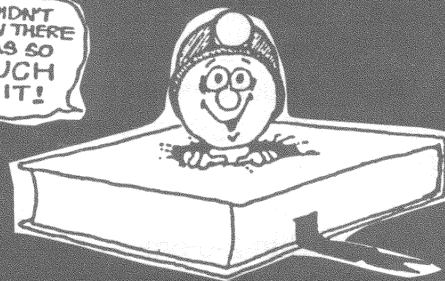
Send to: Brisbane Youth Service

P O Box 1389

Fortitude Valley

QLD 4006

Ph: 07 852 1335





**YOUTH
EFFECTIVENESS
TRAINING**

Course: Effectiveness Training for Personal Development (men and women) (10 weeks)
At: Toowoomba
Date: Starting Wed 11th July 1990
Time: 9am - 12 noon
Ph: (076) 361212 Helen Kennedy

Course: Conflict Resolution (men and women) (weekend)
At: Auchenflower
Date: 27 - 29th July 1990
Time: Fri 7-10 pm
Sat 2-9.30 pm
Sun 2-5 pm

Ph: 377 9830 Lola Mavor

FACTS ON RAPE

**A booklet written by the
Brisbane Rape Crisis Collective**

- ❖ Up to date information on Legal and Medical Procedures in Queensland
- ❖ Information regarding a healing process for supporting rape survivors
- ❖ Myths and Facts about Rape
- ❖ Politics of Rape
- ❖ Coping with Friends and Family

***A valuable resource for
Rape Survivors and Persons
in a supportive role.***

Available from Women's House
24 hour

**Rape Crisis Centre
14 Brook St
Highgate Hill 4101
Brisbane
Phone: (07) 8444008**

\$5.00 plus postage



THE SHOUT CAMPAIGN

The Sex Discrimination Act Can Protect You....

The **Shout Campaign** is a nationwide campaign on sexual harassment specifically aimed at women 15 - 25 years of age. The campaign will be launched by the Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Quentin Bryce, in early July and will continue through to the end of this year.

This campaign has been developed in direct response to the increasing number of complaints and inquiries to the Commission from young women regarding sexual harassment in the workplace. women experience young women who entered employment ticularly vulnerable.

The theme of the Sexual Harassment is simple and positive mary target audience. designed to encourage speak out if they are h a r a s s m e n t . giving young women confidence to deal ment if it occurs.

The campaign will message that sexual workplace is unlaw- around what we are harassment "defence This is an eight page

including stickers - one reading "SHOUT - Sexual Harassment is Out! and the other "Sexual Harassment doesn't Work Around Here". The **SHOUT** kit will be launched as a loose insert in the August edition of Cleo magazine, which will be on sale July 5.

Full page advertisements are being placed in Cleo, Cosmopolitan and Dolly magazines over four months from July. There will also be three weeks of radio advertising commencing July 9 on the major youth radio station in each capital city as well as major regional stations in each state.

A special toll-free information line called the Shoutline 008 02 1199 will be established June 18. The Shoutline will be staffed by Commission inquiry officers. Anyone may call for information on sexual harassment, talk to an inquiry officer or request copies of the **SHOUT** kit.

SECRETARY

OR JUST A BIT ON THE SIDE?

Marcia knew that if someone at work is sexually harassing you, you should go and tell your boss. But what happens when it is your boss?

It started when he invited her for a drink after work but when she refused things turned nasty. He said he didn't think Marcia would go far in the business if she was so "hung up" - and that his last secretary learnt the hard way. What could she do?

If you're being sexually harassed don't Sh, Shout - tell him sexual harassment is OUT.

For information and help, call the Shoutline on 008 02 1199. It's free and confidential. And you can ask for a copy of the Shout kit - it's got all you need to know about sexual harassment.

SHOUT
Sexual Harassment is OUT.

While a range of sexual harassment, have only recently are obviously par-

campaign - **SHOUT!** Out - delivers a message to our pri- The campaign is young women to subject to sexual "SHOUT" is aimed at the knowledge and with such harass-

promote the basic harassment in the ful. It will centre calling a sexual kit" or the shout kit. colour magazine

YOUTH SECTOR TRAINING PROGRAMS START

Youth Sector Training Programs (YSTP) will be starting soon in the following Regions:

- * Gold Coast/Logan 12 - 19 May
- * Wide Bay/Sunshine Coast 26 May - 2 June
- * Central - June

YSTP involves an initial eight (8) day residential program, followed by a weekend workshop, implementation of a community project and a weekend project evaluation and graduation, over a 6 month period. Participant's cost are \$120.

The program focuses on interpersonal communication, group management and group processes, leadership styles and designing needs based programs. It provides training for people working with youth, gives an opportunity for sharing information and resources, encourages networking and the sharing of innovative ideas.

For further information and application forms contact

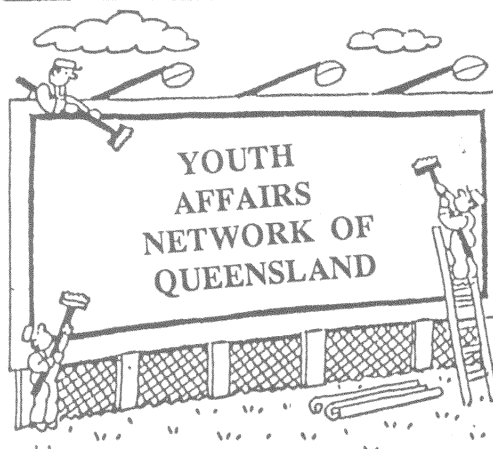
- * Gold Coast: Gary King (07) 287 5533
- * Wide Bay/Sunshine Coast : Alex McDonald (071) 43 7807
- * Central: Ray Arthur (079) 22 2960

YOUTH SECTOR TRAINING COUNCIL NEWS

YSTC has two (2) new members. Lurline Comerford represents ASWU through QLD Trades and Labour Council and Leani Anderson, Training Officer for SEQYAC and NORQYAC. Nominations through YANQ are being called for representatives from Skillshare and the Aboriginal/Islander youth sector.

The Accreditation Working party is in the process of contacting statewide voluntary and community youth organisations to gain information about training programs offered in the non-government sector. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

If you would like further information about the Council, contact Training Development Officer, Pam Searle on (070) 237 1304 or Sue Shaw (07) 237 1295.



Accommodation Services

YANQ is up-dating the accommodation services on the data-base.

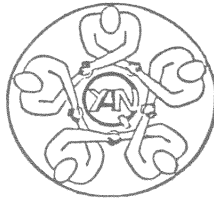
Any accommodation service throughout Queensland is welcomed to complete the form on page 7 and return it to YANQ.

This information is required for young people and agencies who ring YANQ's Youth Information Line on 008 177899 looking for accommodation throughout Queensland.

Please help us by helping them.



**YOUTH
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NETWORK OF
QUEENSLAND**



**ACCOMMODATION
SERVICES**

AGENCY NAME:.....

ADDRESS

POSTAL ADDRESS

.....

.....

.....P/C.....

.....P/C.....

PHONE.....

24 HOURS CRISIS NO.....

ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

(tick appropriate box)

- ☐ Crisis.....
☐ Medium Term.. ..
☐ Long Term
☐ Semi-Independent Living

Period of Time

-
.....
.....
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- ☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Both
☐ Families
☐ Children

- ☐ Pregnant Women
☐ Women and Children
☐ Intellectually Disabled
☐ Physically Disabled
☐ Others (specify).....

AGE

- ☐ 10 - 18
☐ 18 - 25
☐ 25 - 35
☐ 35 - 50
☐ Others (specify).....

NO OF PERSONS ACCOMMODATED

- ☐ 1 - 5
☐ 5 - 10
☐ 10 - 15
☐ 15 - 20
☐ 20 - over

REFERRED BY

- ☐ Self
☐ Department of Family Services
☐ Housing Hotline

- ☐ Crisis Care
☐ Other Accom Agencies
☐ Other (specify).....

COST (per week)

- ☐ Nil ☐ \$0 - \$10
☐ \$20 - \$30 ☐ \$30 over
☐ Other (specify).....

- ☐ \$10 - \$20
☐ Pension/Benefit Rate

CONDITION OF STAY

(please specify).....
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Agency Code No.

OTHER COMMENTS.....
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YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION (QLD)



The Coalition is a relatively new group which began formally meeting in the latter months of 1989. A group of people who have been involved in the area of Juvenile Justice for a number of years began meeting to try and address their concerns regarding what was happening for young people in Queensland. This small group of people has grown to form a larger body now known as the Youth Justice Coalition. The Coalition consists of the following individuals and organisations, Youth Advocacy Centre, Brisbane Youth Service, Community of Inala Legal Service, Zig Zag, Youth Housing Project, Peter Walsh, Phil Costigan, Anne McMillan, Ian O'Connor, Wally Dethlefs, reps from Dept. Family Services and the Community Living Programme..

The aims and objectives of the coalition are: to co-ordinate the communities efforts to achieve a consistently just response to the needs of disadvantaged youth in Queensland.

The Coalition hopes to do this by: offering mutual support, by offering a forum for discussion and evaluation, by collecting, sharing and distributing information and by lobbying for reform.

The Coalition has begun work on achieving these aims by initiating links with Government bodies. However, developing links with the community sector is the main priority of the coalition.

To this end a half day consultation was held on April 5, in order to introduce the Coalition, decide on its future direction, and to gain support, credibility and energy. There was good attendance with much input and positive feedback. Eventually, five issues were decided on:

- (1) The education and training of those involved in the Juvenile Justice System.
- (2) The lobbying at all government levels (especially local) for resources and to further the political campaign for welfare to receive 2% of the Queensland State budget.

(3) The availability of legal assistance to young people.

(4) Research into and monitoring of the juvenile justice system, incarceration levels, crime prevention and options.

(5) Challenging existing structures; Health/child guidance model, preventative strategies, D.F.S. Community Development model; Police service; look at specialist accommodation for those not presently catered for.

Numerous strategies were suggested as ways of achieving the goals.

A follow-up meeting on April 24th sought to prioritise these strategies. The Coalition will initially be taking three well-researched strategies to the Department of Family Services. The liaison mechanism to make this possible is already established.

The Youth Justice Coalition is unfunded. Donations and/or advice to rectify this situation would be gratefully received.

The next meeting will be on June 5th 9.30 am - 12.30 pm at 25 Hooker Street, Windsor.

For any enquiries/help please contact either:

Helen Ferguson - Youth Advocacy Centre
Phil Costigan - Youth & Family Services (Logan City)
Lawrie Moynihan - Brisbane Youth Service



Position Wanted

*Elizabeth Miller
52 Cambridge St
Red Hill QLD 4059
Ph: 3693516
Age: 27 years*

I am seeking employment as Youth Worker or Recreation Officer for Youth Services within Queensland. I have recently moved from Sydney back to Brisbane, after working with the Council of the City of South Sydney in Community Arts and Recreation. These positions involved in the promotion and implementation of leisure time activities for children and youth through Recreation Centres, Activity Clubs and other community based organisations.

My work has included community liason, needs assessment, supervision and programming of special activities for all members of our community, general administration, budgeting and promotion of recreational and arts activities, as well as training programmes for youth.

I have completed an Assoc. Diploma in Community Recreation in 1985 and am currently upgrading this qualification to Bachelor of Social Science at Charles Sturt University, by correspondence.

My experience over many years has been dealing with children and youth by providing suitable activities and skill training in arts activities as well as skills in sporting and recreational activities.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

*Kathleen Pieterse
40 Rita ST,
Holland Park QLD 4121
Ph: 847 1894
Age: 21 years*

Kathleen is seeking office employment within the Brisbane Area. She has completed courses in Secretarial Business, WordProcessing - Word Perfect 5.0 Certificate with Lorraine Madtin College and also Bar Attendance Course at the Adelaide School of Hospitality.

Kathleen had worked at AMP Society for a number of years before she became a Manager-ess of Super Kitchen Cafe.

Kathleen would like to hear from anyone who may need an office assistance, clerk, word-processor or secretary.

Please call Kathleen on 847 1894.

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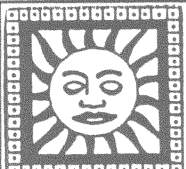
**Do you want to employ
someone but can't find the
right person?**

**WELL, drop YANQ a line,
write or phone.**

**Any position vacant or any
position wanted**

Do you need Employment?

**WE WILL ADVERTISE FOR
YOU FREE!!!**



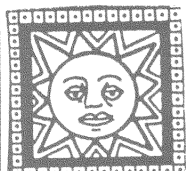
KIDS-IN-CRISIS



Kids-in-Crisis is a voluntary, community-based forum of people (lay and professional) concerned with the support and well-being of all families and youth. It began as a sub-committee of the Warwick and District Welfare Group when concerns were voiced at the extent of family breakdown and conflict between parents and their adolescent children. It is now managed by a Management Committee made up of local community citizens and professional workers.

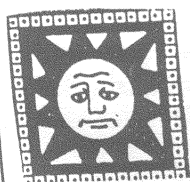
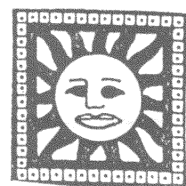
The Aims and Objectives of Kids-in-Crisis are as follows -

- ☼ To be a resource for all families, parents and youth, especially when they are experiencing difficulties and needing advice or support.
- ☼ To promote services (directed at families and youth) that supplement those of the Health, Education and Welfare organisations.
- ☼ To promote better co-ordination and co-operation amongst these organisations, thus bridging the gap between the community and agencies serving it.
- ☼ To convene and promote community education in the area of life, parenting, child development and issues directly affecting family life and youth.
- ☼ To promote increased participation by stable, well functioning families and citizens in support of disadvantaged and at risk families and youth.
- ☼ To raise funds as necessary to finance these objectives.



Values

- ☼ Kids-in-Crisis holds that the family is the basic unity of society, and the prime agency for the care, nurturing and socialisation of children.
- ☼ Kids-in-Crisis recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of all individuals.
- ☼ Prevention is seen as better than cure. Education and support that enhances the quality of family life is better than treatment of breakdown and conflict within families.
- ☼ Kids-in-Crisis is non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, non-denominational. It is an authorised sub-committee of the Warwick and District Welfare Group, an incorporated body limited by guarantee under the Queensland Companies Act.





Hi, my name is Leanne Rusker, my brother Shannon and I live in Inala.
I'm twelve years old and Shannon is nine years old. We both attend Drama
Classes every Tuesday afternoon at West End Primary School.
Our Drama class is the Aboriginal group attached to the Brisbane Contact
Drama Group. We participate in gathering ideas for the script, and then we
act out the Play.

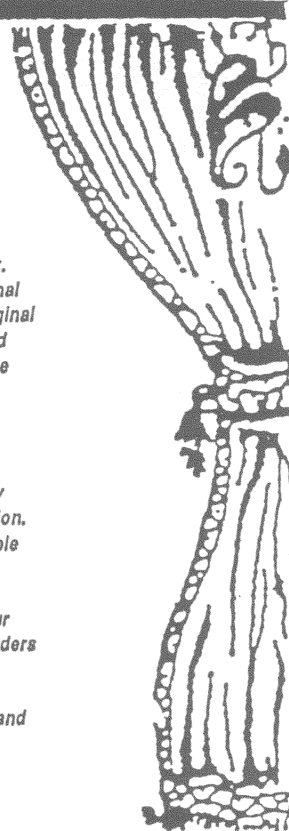
At present we are rehearsing a play to present at the Performing Arts Complex.
In the September school holidays our group will be going to Hopevale Aboriginal
Mission (near Cairns) to perform. We will also be visiting the surrounding Aboriginal
Missions to Hopevale and possibly performing in Townsville. It is a really good
experience for all of us, because it helps us to be more confident and not to be
embarrassed about speaking and acting in public.

Recently we attended a conference at Maroochydore. We performed in the
National Arena, and were well applauded. Wesley Enoch our Tutor and Lafe
Charlton our Co-Ordinator, are both local Aboriginal people. Lafe is presently
attending Youth Conference and Workshops overseas in Stockholm and London.
He will be away eight weeks and we are eagerly awaiting his return with valuable
information and ideas to help us to improve our performances.

Selina Saunders our Aboriginal Youth Worker here in Inala drives us in to our
class in the bus. If you are interested in joining our group, contact Selina Saunders
at the Inala Police Youth Club.

Both Shannon and I feel that acting is an ideal way to expressing our Culture and
hopefully by doing this we will work at improving our race relationships.

Written by: Leanne & Shannon Rusker



HALF - CASTE

Tall
Thin
Short, fat
Ugly, beautiful
Soft, smart, stupid
Sweet
Loud
Obnoxious
Strong, weak
Stand and Cheer
Its not us and them
Yellow, White, Greek, Black, Asian
Foreigner locals
Indigenous people of the World
Nice, terrible, ignorant, good, bad
Different, normal
Stand out, blend in
Together, United
Belonging, left out
Where do I come from?
I do not have one Race
One flag
One Culture
Can I say I'm Black or White?
I'm a different person
But I'm not an Outsider
I belong
I belong to the Human Race.

by: Art Nickolls



BOX

Inside of me

There is a little box

I don't always feel it is there

But I expect it is

When I think about you

It opens up

And floods my

Body with emotions.

I LOVE YOU

by: Art Nickolls

A Person or a Problem?

Young people's experience of unemployment.

At a recent Youth Employment Seminar both young people and employers expressed dissatisfaction and disappointment with current education in Queensland schools. From the young people's point of view they were not supplied with the necessary information to help them choose educational or career options, while the employer groups believe young people are not being furnished with the basic skills required for them to enter into skilled occupations.

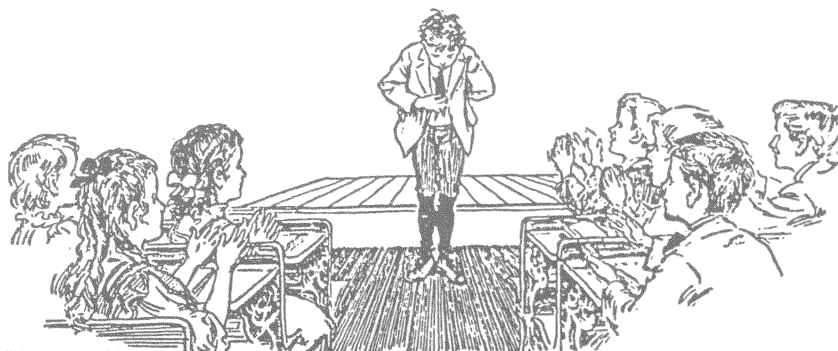
These and other contentious issues were raised at the Youth Employment Seminar held by the Youth Employment Service within the Bureau of Employment, Vocational and Further Education and Training on the 21st June 1990.

The keynote speakers at the seminar were Peter Kirby, head of TAFE in South Australia and author of the "Kirby Report"; Peter Henneken, Executive Director in the Bureau and Des Hodgeman, from the Queensland Master Builders Association.

During one of the afternoon workshops, young people told of their experiences of being unemployed. Interestingly, these young people had no complaints about government services per se ("... the government's doing a really good job offering all these courses ..."), they reserved their criticism for the service-deliverers. They spoke of being "made to feel bad" at the DSS and CES, and of how "downgrading" the attitudes of the workers can be. They also commented that the CES and DSS had not adequately informed them of their options. "The CES never told me a real lot about what was going". It seemed that they had each "walked into the DEVET Youth Employment Centre by accident", having never been told of its existence.

The service-deliverers at the Youth Employment Centres were, on the other hand, referred to in glowing terms, (much to the embarrassment of those present!), "DEVET treated me as a person, not a problem". The young people outlined how the Centres had helped them find the kind of training or work they were looking for. Most importantly, they commented on how the workers had helped to rebuild their shattered self-esteem. So highly recommended were the DEVET Centres that a cynic might claim the speakers had been primed (!) however the comparison between the approach of the DEVET workers to young people with that of the CES and DSS workers does raise some questions.

The young people also noted there should be "more co-operation between the Education Department and TAFE and the universities". They wanted young people to have a say in the content of courses and in other things that concern them. Above all they believed the information they needed had not been readily available at the time it was needed: "Unless you know where to go you're at a dead loss".



Is your data up to date?

If you think it's possible that the data on your agency in our 008 Youth Info Line computer is not accurate, or if you just want to make sure it's up-to-the-minute, then why not take a few minutes to contact YANQ on 008 177899. It's particularly important in that we are now starting to print numerous directories for various areas and it'll save a lot of heartbreak if you can help us get it right for our young people.



"Hey, bucko...I'm through begging."

(order form - please tear off)

Getting By In Brisbane

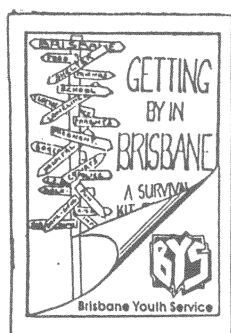
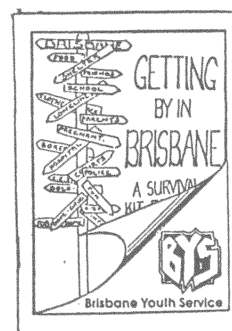
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Organisation.....

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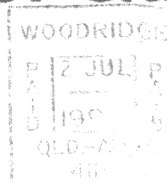
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Send To: **Brisbane Youth Service**
P O Box 1389
Fortitude Valley 4006
Ph: 852 1335

Youth Affairs Network of Queensland

If undeliverable return to:
P.O. Box 362
Woodridge 4114



To: (01136)
YANQ COMMITTEE - Ms J Folliot
125 Ashby St
Fairfield

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